

SUGGESTED DRAFT

The Honorable J.W. Fulbright  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is being sent in response to your letter of 4 January requesting further assistance to the members of your staff who are studying U.S. - Vietnam relations from 1945 to 1967.

As you know, my associate Jack Maury has had several conversations with Carl Marcy on this subject, most recently on 11 January. Also, on 7 December 1971, the three members of your Committee staff working directly on the study -- Messrs. Biles and Bloom and Miss (or Dr.) Hollick -- visited our headquarters to discuss their project with my colleagues and explore ways in which we might be of assistance to them.

At the conclusion of that 7 December meeting, it was our understanding that your staff researchers were going to forward a series of specific questions concerning particular events or developments in Indochina at given points of time and that we would endeavor to help them, where possible, by summarizing the intelligence assessments

extant regarding the points in question at the times of interest to them. In addition, we offered to make available to your associates our record copies of all the briefings I or my predecessors as Director had given to the Foreign Relations Committee during their period of interest.

We hope we have conveyed to Mr. Marcy and to your three research assistants our desire to be as helpful in their endeavors as circumstances permit. I understand that there will be further dialogue between Mr. Biles, Mr. Bloom and Dr. ~~W~~ Hollick and appropriate Agency officers and I am hopeful that such further cooperative discussions will resolve matters to everyone's satisfaction. Naturally, I will be happy to discuss this subject ~~with~~ with you personally at any time you so desire.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Helms  
Director

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